


respectively showing a rear holder 51 of a third embodiment of the electrical connector according to the invention. At a front end of a rear holder main body 52 of the rear holder 51 there are formed a plurality of clamping lances 53. At a middle upper portion of the rear holder main body 52 there are formed two resilient locking arms 54 which extend forwardly. Locking claws ~~54~~ 55 are provided at front ends of these locking arms 54, interlocking portions 56 are provided on sides of these locking arms 54, and lock releasing portions 57 are provided on upper surfaces of root portions of these locking arms 54. On both sides of the rear holder main body 52 there are formed completely engaging claws 58, and on top and bottom surfaces of the rear holder main body 52 there are formed preliminarily engaging claws 59.

On page 11, please replace the paragraph starting on line 18 with the following replacement paragraph:

The housing main body 61 of the first connector has been inserted into the housing main body 71 of the cooperating second connector and the connection terminals 67 and 72 have been engaged with each other to establish the electrical connection. During this engaging operation, the locking arms 54 of the rear holder 51 is resiliently bent downward to pass under the locking portions 73 of the housing main body 71, and then the locking arm ~~4~~ 54 is returned into the original posture and ~~the~~ locking claws 55 at the locking arms 54 are engaged with the locking portions 73 to establish the locking. In this manner, the rear holder ~~4~~ 51 and housing main body ~~24~~ 71 of the second connector are locked with each other effectively.

On page 12, please replace the paragraph starting on line ²~~3~~ with the following replacement paragraph:


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When it is required to release the locking, the lock releasing portion 57 provided on the locking arms 54 are pushed downward by fingers to move the locking arms 54 downward and the locking claws 55 are removed from the locking portions 73. Then, the housing main body ~~54~~ 61 of the first connector may be drawn from the housing